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1. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND FINATT WERE INFORMED TODAY BY ENRIQUE LOW, HEAD OF THE RETURNING COLOMBIAN DEL, THAT MEETING WITH TREASURY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS GOC STUDY DESCRIBING RATIONALE FOR CAT INCENTIVES TO FLOWER EXPORTERS CORDIAL BUT INCONCLUSIVE. GOC DEL PRESENTED STUDY BUT WAS UNABLE TO DISCUSS IT IN DETAIL WITH USG DEL DUE TO BUSY SCHEDULE OF DEPUTY ASST SEC MARKS AND PRIOR COMMITMENTS IN COLOMBIA WEEK OF MAY 20 ON PART COLOMBIAN DEL. THROUGH COLOMBIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON LOW PROPOSED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON JUNE 10. GOC PREPARED TO CONSIDER OTHER DATES IF JUNE 10 NOT CONVENIENT FOR WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS.
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2. LOW POINTED OUT THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONSULT WITH
REPS OF GOVT ELECT BEFORE THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION CAN REACH
A FINAL DECISION WITH US ON FLOWER QUESTION. WITHIN THE NEXT
FEW DAYS LOW PLANS TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE VARIOUS GOC OPTIONS WITH
BOTERO WHO REPORTEDLY WILL BE THE FINANCE MIN FOR THE NEW GOVT.
RANGE OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS OPEN TO GOC, AT LEAST IN PART, A
FUNCTION OF TREASURY REACTION TO GOC TECHNICAL STUDY. IT APPEARS
THAT PREFERRED GOC POSITION WOULD BE TO POSTPONE FINAL DECISION
UNTIL NEW GOVT TAKES OFFICE IN AUGUST.
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